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In re Application of:

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For: HOLLOW FIBER EXCHANGERS AND
EFFICIENT METHODS OF
MANUFACTURING THEM
(AS AMENDED HEREIN)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with --HOLLOW FIBER EXCHANGERS AND EFFICIENT METHODS OF MANUFACTURING THEM--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add new claims 25-40 as set forth below:

--25. A method of constructing exchangers to maximize interchangeability of parts, each exchanger including a bundle of hollow fibers located within a tubular outer casing, a central core around which the bundle is arranged, and at least one end cap on an end of the tubular outer casing, the method comprising the steps of:

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